

AGENDA

APACHE AND NAVAJO COUNTIES MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

League of Arizona Cities and Towns
1820 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona
(See NOTE below for more information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Prayer/Pledge**
3. **Luncheon**
4. **Old Business**
 - A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2016
5. **New Business**
 - A. Discussion of Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour (Mayor Daryl Seymore)
 - B. Discussion of New Ideas for the Association (Mayor Daryl Seymore)
 - C. Next Association Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017, in St. Johns
6. **Adjournment**

NOTE: The Association meeting will be followed by Legislative Day activities, including a briefing by League staff on pending legislative issues and then lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. with area legislators representing Districts 6 (Senator Sylvia Allen and Representatives Brenda Barton and Bob Thorpe) and 7 (Senator Jamescita Peshlakai and Representatives Wenona Benally and Eric Descheenie). It is unknown at this time which legislators will attend.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE APACHE AND NAVAJO COUNTIES MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS ASSOCIATION HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016, AT 12:00 NOON AT CAPTAIN TONY'S PIZZA, 2217 NORTH PARK DRIVE, WINSLOW, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daryl Seymore, Mayor, Show Low; Rennie Crittenden, Councilmember, Show Low; Brent Hatch, Councilmember, Show Low; Robin Boyd, Mayor, Winslow; Judy Howell, Councilmember, Winslow; Bob Schlesinger, Councilmember, Winslow; Harold Soehner, Councilmember, Winslow; Bryce Hamblin, Mayor, Eagar; Steve Erhart, Councilmember, Eagar; Jason Brubaker, Councilmember, Taylor; Carl Cospers, Councilmember, Taylor; Shawn Palmer, Vice Mayor, Taylor; David Smith, Councilmember, Taylor; Greg Smith, Mayor, Pinetop-Lakeside; Leslee Wessel, Councilmember, Pinetop-Lakeside; Jesse Thompson, Supervisor, Navajo County

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Muder, City Manager, Show Low; Morgan Brown, Attorney, Show Low; Steve Pauken, City Manager, Winslow; Bruce Ray, Interim Town Manager, Eagar; Gus Lundberg, Town Manager, Taylor; Keith Johnson, Town Manager, Pinetop-Lakeside; Adam Wolfe, Communications Manager, Navajo County; Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk, Winslow

GUESTS: Chris Fetzer, Executive Director, Northern Arizona Council of Governments; Sharon Adams, Community Outreach, U.S. Representative Ann Kirkpatrick; Bryant Herrera, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development

1. Call to Order

Mayor Seymore (Show Low) called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2. Prayer/Pledge

The invocation was given by Mayor Hamblin (Eagar) and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Brubaker (Taylor).

3. Luncheon

4. Old Business

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2016

MAYOR BOYD (WINSLOW) MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 14, 2016, ASSOCIATION MINUTES; SECONDED BY MAYOR HAMBLIN; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. New Business

A. Showcase by City of Winslow

Mayor Boyd discussed several economic development accomplishments in Winslow including the Maverik expansion, the Winslow 76 Travel Plaza, and the recent purchase of city property for an equestrian center. Mayor Boyd also stated the city is actively marketing approximately 1,000 acres of industrial land through a Flagstaff-based realtor. The city has also demolished, and is in the process of, demolishing dangerous buildings using CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding. Major capital improvements include reconstructing runway 4-22 at the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and downtown streetscape and lighting improvements.

Mr. Pauken (Winslow) discussed the recent demolition of the LZ Budget Motel and redevelopment of the site. He introduced Kyle Johnson to the group, who is the owner of Captain Tony's Pizza, one of the Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour's sponsors and a GeoTour stop.

B. Presentation of NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Governments) Representative Regarding NACOG Programs and Services.

Chris Fetzer, Executive Director for NACOG, talked about the structure of NACOG's Regional Council and services offered by NACOG (which included Head Start, Area Agency on Aging, community services, CBDB and housing, weatherization, transportation planning, and economic development). He expanded on trends of some of the programs.

Mr. Fetzer responded to a question from Councilmember Brubaker regarding the Area Agency on Aging program and also to a comment from Mr. Pauken regarding the need to work as a region to express concerns to the Legislature.

C. Discussion of Regional Booth at Annual League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference (Mayor Daryl Seymore)

Mayor Seymore thanked all those who assisted in various ways for this year's League booth and asked if there were any changes anyone wanted to see next year. A comment was made that the video (showing a rotating display of the GeoTour media video and an economic development video for Apache and Navajo counties commissioned by the REAL AZ Development Council) was a nice addition and that it could be enhanced for next year.

D. Selection of January Date for 2017 Legislative Day (Mayor Daryl Seymore)

Mayor Seymore said every year, on behalf of the Association, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns hosted area legislators and key officials from the Association's membership to meet, have lunch, and talk about issues pertinent to Apache and Navajo counties. League staff was contacted about possible dates in January to host our region's Legislative Day, and they reserved Wednesday,

January 11, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. League staff will take care of inviting state legislators from Districts 6 and 7 and will provide the lunch. The 2017 legislative session begins Monday, January 9.

Mayor Seymore also suggested that since the next Association meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 19, Legislative Day could serve as the January meeting. He encouraged everyone's attendance and asked that each city/town send letters to their new legislators asking them to participate.

E. Updates by Area Legislators

Supervisor Thompson (Navajo County) discussed the area of Navajo County that he represents and also named all the Supervisors and the areas they represent. He stated that he works closely with rural communities and is currently working on the Winslow levee issue as well as with Winslow's Diné residents.

Ms. Adams (Rep. Kirkpatrick) stated that her office will remain open through the end of the year regardless of election results.

F. Update by REAL AZ Development Council

No update was provided as Mr. Watson was unable to attend.

G. Updates by Other Cities and Towns/Counties

Mayor Hamblin (Eagar) announced that they are looking for a new City Manager.

Mr. Johnson (Pinetop-Lakeside) stated that there are great managers in this region and reported that six new Councilmembers were recently elected in Pinetop-Lakeside. The Town also recently hired a new Finance Director and new Town Clerk. Recent events in Pinetop-Lakeside included the Fall Festival and the Epic Mountain Bike Ride. Upcoming events include Trunk or Treat and the Christmas tree lighting. He also announced that Sunrise Ski Resort will begin making snow in the next ten days.

Mayor Seymore (Show Low) distributed a handout showing revenues and expenses for the recent GeoTour and stated that more discussion will take place at the January meeting. He said discussion will include whether to continue the event next year and determine which communities wanted to participate if it is continued. He encouraged each community to send thank-you letters to businesses that participated in the event so they will be willing to participate again if they are approached next time.

Mayor Seymore announced that work continues on the City's new public safety building and a casual dining restaurant, Firehouse Subs, is now open in Show Low.

- I. Next Association Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017, in St. Johns

Mayor Seymore said, as indicated earlier, the next meeting will be held on January 11, 2017, in Phoenix at the League office and the April meeting will be held in St. Johns.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Daryl Seymore, Chair